



# NEWS

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## **Etiwanda San Sevaine Project Nearing Completion**

San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors Chairman Paul Biane is pleased to announce that the final phase of a major West Valley flood control project is underway.

Acting as the governing board of the San Bernardino County Flood Control District, the Board of Supervisors awarded a contract to Belczak & Sons, Inc. on July 22 for the construction of the final phase of the Etiwanda San Sevaine Project in the Fontana and Rancho Cucamonga area. Project work started this week.

The San Sevaine Creek Water Project is a multi-phase project that has been under design and construction since the Federal Bureau of Reclamation approved the \$150-million flood control facility in 1996. Along with the Flood Control District, the cities of Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, and Fontana have provided local funding for this crucial flood control project. The Speedway Redevelopment Area also participated in funding the project.

“Once the San Sevaine project is completed, it will protect hundreds of downstream properties from costly flood damage, and it will also prevent roadway flooding that poses a threat to public safety and also deteriorates public streets and infrastructure,” said Biane, who has championed the San Sevaine Creek Water Project as the County’s Second District Supervisor. The Second District encompasses much of the West Valley, including the cities of Rancho Cucamonga, Fontana, and Upland.

This final phase of construction includes construction of an additional box structure underneath Foothill Boulevard near East Avenue that measures 12 feet by 12 feet. It will direct flows from Etiwanda Creek into the completed channel downstream. Construction is anticipated to be completed early in 2009. When completed these improvements will provide 100-year flood protection to surrounding properties.

Construction of the Etiwanda Channel upstream of Foothill Boulevard started this week. East Avenue access to Foothill Boulevard will be closed from Foothill Boulevard to Marshall from now until the end of the project – approximately six months. Commencing on September 2, 2008, Foothill Boulevard will be open with only one lane in each direction over the channel. This closure will be in place for the duration of the project. The work hours for the contractor throughout this project will be Monday through Friday from 7:00 am to 5:00 p.m. Drivers are urged to use caution in the construction zone.

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